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The Mystery of the Devil's Ace

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Begins in To-Morrow's Evening World to Take Place of "The Fighting Chance." (Postponed. See Announcement This Page.)

Weather—Rain probable to-night; Thursday cloudy.

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PLATT REPUDIATES LOVE LETTERS AND DENIES MARRIAGE

"Why, I Never Even Thought of It," He Replied to Mae Wood's Charge that They Are Wedded. "I Never Proposed, She Never Accepted."

Thomas C. Platt took the stand to-day and under oath denied practically every charge made by Mae C. Wood.

The court-room was crowded, as it had generally been understood that the Senator would testify. He did not make his appearance until after Lawyer John B. Stanchfield, for the defense, had presented several depositions.

Senator Platt denied the alleged marriage and denied the alleged proposal, saying, "Why, I never even thought of marrying Miss Wood."

The witness declared he never gave the woman a wedding ring, listened to the reading of the famous letters introduced by the defense, and called them forgeries.

On cross-examination he admitted having called Miss Wood "Dear Caty" and having invited her to dinner.

Lawyer Stanchfield scored a point as to the alleged letter of November, 1901, in which the Senator wrote: "This almost secures me to O'Brien's election."

The lawyer brought out the fact that a letter before the date of the letter, Mr. Stanchfield added that he recollected the date because he was the defeated gubernatorial candidate.

Could Not Stand Up.

Miss Wood was not in the court-room when Platt testified. For nearly three hours he endured the ordeal, when he finally was told that it was over he pulled his overcoat up around his shoulders and looked out appealingly for help. "I can't get up," he said.

Attendants lifted him out of the chair. He put on his silk hat and when a court officer cried, "Rats off!" he begged to keep it on. He did not have the strength to hold his own hat.

They led the senator United States Senator of the Empire State out of the court-room, his slender legs so weak they could barely move. In three-inch steps he walked, or rather was dragged, down the aisle.

Senator Platt's examination was closed abruptly at the suggestion of Justice O'Gorman.

The Judge noticed that the witness seemed on the verge of collapse, and called Mrs. Wood's lawyer, Charles L. Barber, to him. In a whisper he suggested that the cross-examination had better be brought to a close as speedily as possible. This was done. Mr. Stanchfield limited his redirect examination to a few brief questions.

Platt Led Into Court.

At 11 o'clock the door of the court-room opened and the bowed figure of the Senator appeared. Supported on one side by Mr. Abel and on the other by Mrs. Abel, the aged statesman limped up the aisle toward the witness chair.

He was a pitiful, helpless, harmless looking old man, stricken with the ravages of time and disease, and as shorn of romance as a graven image.

Senator Platt said he knew the plaintiff.

"Did you see her at the Oriental Hotel in August, 1907?"

"I did not," he never saw her there."

"Did you have apartments at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Nov. 9, 1907?"

"I had apartments there. No. 148 was a reception room and Nos. 139 and 140

RABIES VICTIM DIES AS DOCTOR HAD PREDICTED

Inventor W. H. Marsh's End Comes. While He Is Under Operates.

William H. Marsh, the Brooklyn manufacturer, who was notified at the Pasteur Institute on Monday that he must die of hydrophobia in a few days, died at his home, No. 74 Ocean avenue, three physicians were in attendance, and his three sons, two daughters and wife were at his bedside.

"No Hope," Said Doctor.

Dr. William L. Wheeler, the physician at the Pasteur Institute to whom Mr. Marsh went on Monday, called at the dying man's home this afternoon. After he had been in the sick room half an hour he said:

"The end will not be long coming now. Mr. Marsh is rapidly reaching the stage of paralysis. He has been unconscious all morning. He is not suffering any great pain. His death is only a matter of hours."

For the past twenty hours Marsh had been as much under the influence of opiates as the malady will permit, and his sufferings have not been as acute as generally follows in such cases. His body began to stiffen this morning, however, and the stage of spasmodic convulsions had arrived. This is accompanied by an intense desire to drink with the inability to swallow. The third and final stage is that of paralysis.

After Mr. Marsh had received his sentence of death on Monday, he went home and settled up his business affairs in anticipation of death. Outwardly he seemed wonderfully composed, though at frequent intervals he was seized with convulsive twitches. Dr. Henry M. Cullinan, of Linden avenue, his private physician, met him upon his return from the Pasteur Institute, and has been in constant attendance administering opiates and doing everything in his power to allay the hapless man's torture.

Dr. Cullinan called in a specialist this morning to assist him, though both doctors knew that there was no human possibility of saving the patient's life. For the past twenty-four hours Mr. Marsh had not spoken except when questioned about his condition. He had been conscious at intervals of every half hour, and as the disease advanced the opiates were administered more frequently.

Yesterday Ramsey Marsh, the doomed man's twenty-one-year-old son, went to

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EVENING WORLD RACE CHART SEVENTH DAY AT BELMONT PARK.

Weather Rain. May 20. Track Sloppy.

303 FIRST RACE—Highweight Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; \$1,000 added. Post time, 2:30. Off. 2:35. Start good. Won easily. Winner, b. c. by Ben Stanchfield. Owner, D. C. Johnson. Time, 1:11.10.

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